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UNORGANISED LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) The number of unorganised labour on daily wages and on permanent basis in the rural sectors during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether these workers have no social security provisions and do not enjoy any support system during their old age;

(c) if so, whether the Second National Labour Commission has suggested effective measures for their old age provisions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a): As per the survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation in 1999-2000, there are about 36.9 crores unorganised sector workers out of which 23.7 crore are in the agricultural sector.

(b): The Government has implemented Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana w.e.f. 1.7.2001 to provide Social Security protection to the agricultural workers. There are also various welfare schemes for certain categories like bidi workers, non-coal mine workers and cine workers.

(c) & (d): The Second National Commission on Labour has recommended an Umbrella Legislation for the unorganised sector workers. The Government intend to bring a Bill in the current Budget Session of Parliament which envisages social security measures including old age pension for the unorganised sector workers.